

Regular Meeting of the Durham County Board of Health, held

October 12, 2000, with the following members present:

William H. Burch, Chairman, Ellen Reckhow, Dr. Philip McHugh,

Dr. William C. Bordley, Dr. Michael O. Royster, William Small,

Robin W. Blanton, and Sandra A. Peele.

Excused Absence: Ruth Smullin and Charles Chapman. Unexcused:

Dr. Sydney Rose.

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Burch, Chairman, called the Regular Meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** Ms. Reckhow made a motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2000. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bordley and approved unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS.** The Chairman introduced Sandra A. Peele, R.N., and Robin W. Blanton, P.E. as newly appointed members of the Board of Health.

Ms. Peele is employed with Durham Regional Hospital and fills the registered nurse position. Mr. Blanton is employed with Piedmont Electric Membership and fills the professional engineer position.

The Board welcomed its newest members.

**OATHS OF BOARD MEMBERS.** Janice R. Tice, Notary Public, administered both the Oath to support Constitutions (G.S. 11-7) and the General Oath (G.S. 11-11) to Ms. Peele and Mr. Blanton.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT.** The Health Director recommended approval of a budget amendment to recognize a \$775 mini-grant for the Maternal Health program. Funds will be used for client incentives and training related travel addressing issues of infant mortality.

Dr. McHugh made a motion to approve the budget amendment as presented. Mr. Reckhow seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

**FLU VACCINATION UPDATE.** Dr. Stratton said the Immunization Program has received 1,500 doses of the influenza vaccine. She said the date for administering the vaccine would be delayed until November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Stratton reported that the Centers for Disease Control and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) updated recommendations for the 2000-01 season because of the potential impact of delayed influenza vaccine availability. The goal of these because of the potential impact of delayed influenza vaccine availability, recommendations is to minimize the adverse health impact of delays on high-risk persons.

Dr. Stratton said the Health Department will prioritize use of the vaccine available early in the season and limit vaccinations to high-risk

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persons ( $\geq 65$  years and individuals who are immunocompromised), their household contacts, and health-care workers who care for these persons. She said vaccination of persons aged  $\geq 65$  years substantially reduces influenza morbidity and mortality.

The vaccine will be administered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning at 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. to those persons who are at high-risk from complications of influenza.

Dr. Stratton reported that the Immunization Department plans to provide the vaccine for other groups through community outreach efforts later in the flu vaccination season.

The vaccine will be offered to all Durham County employees during the benefits enrollment sessions scheduled in December.

Mr. Burch announced that resolution of manufacturing problems and improved yields of the influenza vaccine component have averted a shortage but that certainly there would be a substantial delay in the availability of the vaccine.

**ASTHMA PROJECT IN THE SCHOOLS.** The Chairman introduced Ms. Margaret "Peg" Wolfe, PHN I Supervisor, School Health Nurses who presented an overview of the Project that was funded through a grant from Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. and private donations.

Ms. Wolfe said the two-year Asthma Management Project was conducted for fourth and fifth graders. She said the school nurses became interested because a part of their role is to identify students with chronic health problems.

The intervention provided in the Project includes a series of six classes for students with moderate to severe asthma and one class for their teachers. Students also participate in weekly peak flow measurement (3-5 minutes each) for three months. At the end of the Project, students receive a free peak flow meter and spacer (equipment which provides better control of asthma). The Project has the approval of Donna Smith, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Student Services, and requires the consent of principals, staff, and parents.

Teachers reported that they found the Project helpful in understanding Asthma Management in the school setting and parents reported positive changes in their children's ability to manage their asthma.

Asthma Management Project Fact Sheets were sent to school principals to encourage participation in the Project.

- Asthma has been increasing in numbers and severity--the leading cause of school absenteeism for health reasons.
- In an initial poll of Durham Public School students identified with asthma, 50% reported some reduction in activities due to their asthma.
- School Nurses have designed a Project to increase the ability of students to manage their asthma and participate more fully in school activities; the Project is also designed to increase school staff knowledge and comfort in providing support to students.
- Project involves 5 to 6 educational sessions for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, 1 educational session for associated school staff,

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weekly peak flow readings, and monthly telephone calls to parents.

- The School Nurse is responsible for carrying out all parts of the Project: obtaining consents, scheduling and teaching classes, handling forms, obtaining peak flow readings, contacting parents.
- The School Nurse will work with the grade level chairs to identify a time for student educational sessions that is mutually agreeable and does not interfere with core curriculum. Scheduling will be worked around testing days; Project will be completed before end-of-school testing.
- The Project is designed with experimental and control school populations:
  1. Experimental schools will receive intervention in the fall.
  2. Control school populations will receive the intervention in the late spring after the period of measurement is complete.
- Students will be taught to use two pieces of equipment (peak flow meter and spacer) which increase the successful management of asthma; at the end of the Project they will keep the equipment.

Ms. Wolfe said a 180 students and 130 school staff were involved in the Project including the pilot year and the two following years.

At this time, the interventions are completed and data is being entered and analyzed.

The quantitative data shows a significant increase in staff comfort levels and the qualitative data indicated a substantial increase both years in the school staff's knowledge of asthma. Parents recorded positive changes in the child's behavior to manage their asthma.

There were some delays and problems. Some of the school principals refused to allow the Project in a particular year so only 24 out of 27 elementary schools participated. She believed it could have been that the principals were new and there were so many activities already scheduled that they believed it too much to manage. Some of the groups were held after school and during lunch hours.

The school nurses had to set aside other activities to implement the Project partly due to vacancies secondary to staff turnover. Ms. Wolfe said there have been some fairly significant gaps in staffing and it meant that the nurses who were in the School Health Program really had to stretch to cover and complete the Project.

Although there were delays in data analysis secondary to the lack of expertise among the school nurses, they have talked about how the Project could be continued. The classes have been reduced from 6 to 4 and a few classes have been combined. There will be no testing which took a significant amount of time.

Janice Anderson, Lead Nurse, has become a Certified Asthma Educator and has provided in-services for new school nurses. The comfort level of nurses has greatly improved in early identification and quick response as children experience asthma problems. The nurses have

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become more acutely aware of what is happening because of their involvement in the Asthma Management Project.

There is some grant money available for data entry. UNC graduate students both nursing and biostatistics is assisting with this piece.

Ms. Wolfe and Janice Anderson continue to participate in the Asthma Coalition to update and integrate what the Project is doing into community plans. Ms. Wolfe said there is a great deal of interest in the community and many people are working to educate people with asthma to better manage their disease.

There was discussion by the Board. Dr. Royster inquired about submitting such projects to an Institutional Review Board (IRB) for approval of studies involving human subjects. Dr. Bordley volunteered to submit future projects to UNC's IRB.

The Chairman said it is well documented that many interventions with asthma patients will decrease hospitalizations and emergency visits. He said asthma education takes continuous re-enforcement.

Ms. Wolfe believes one of the greatest differences will be that the child will be able to fully participate in their education. The asthma education will empower the child to know what to do, where to go to for help, and how to identify the symptoms.

Mr. Letourneau said the effort proved to be very effective and the school nurses are to be commended for taking on the Project. It points out the value that school nurses bring to the community. He said there has been a fair amount of publicity recently about school nurses and ratios at the state level and believes that the Durham County ratio is closer to 1 school nurse per 2,200 students as opposed to the state recommended ratio of 1 per 750 students.

The Health Director said that during the upcoming budget process he would petition the Board's support for additional school nurses.

The Board thanked Ms. Wolfe for the presentation.

## **HEALTH DIRECTOR REPORT.**

### **NURSING DIVISION**

#### **Family Planning**

- The Family Planning Clinic staff performed 85 initial exams and 146 annual exams in September. This is approximately the same number performed in September last year. Almost 60% of the new patients are Hispanic.

#### **Maternal Health**

- In September, 111 new patients were seen. Sixty-two (62) were Hispanic.
- Wanda Thompson, RN, WHNP, gave a lecture at NCCU Health and Wellness Class on September 20<sup>th</sup>. She presented information on birth control options, sexually transmitted diseases, and infant mortality/morbidity in Durham County and the State. Thirty-five (35) students attended the lecture.

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- Wanda Thompson also participated in a panel discussion at Fayetteville Street Community Center. She provided residents with information on the importance of early, continuous prenatal care and information on the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.
- A mini-grant award of \$775 was received from The N.C. Healthy Start Foundation. The funds will be used to send 2 staff members to Beginning and Advanced Spanish Classes and to provide disposable diapers and bus passes to Baby Love clients. Clients who receive incentives will be required to participate in ongoing prenatal care.
- Elisabeth Palmer, MSW, in the Baby Love Program and Natasha Jackson, RN, in the OB Clinic represented the Maternal Health Program at the Hispanic Festival held at National Guard Armory on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Child Health**

#### **Lead Project**

- The Lead Nurse Consultant project has 2 goals:
  1. Increase the number of lead screenings in Durham County.
  2. Improve follow-up to children who are found to have lead poisoning.Figures for 1999 and January - June 2000 from the NC State Laboratory show that the number of screenings have increased from 1,070 in January - June 1999 to 1,681 in January - June 2000. This is a 57% increase.

#### **Child Care Health Coordination Project**

- The ChildCare staff continues to identify providers who are interested in receiving either long-term targeted services or short-term services regarding a specific area of concern. The staff is concentrating on childcare homes, a source of care for children that have traditionally been somewhat isolated from help and support, especially for health areas. Recent news articles about the high incidence of SIDS in childcare prompted the staff to provide more information to childcare homes regarding sleep positions. Staff members will provide ongoing SIDS prevention education to childcare workers.

#### Other Activities

- Sue Guptill, Child Health Program Supervisor, attended the North Carolina Interagency Coordinating Council for Young Children with Special Needs retreat held on September 6-9. The key topic of discussion at the Retreat was the restructuring of the Infant-Toddler Program for children with special needs. Although this change will not have the direct impact on the Health Department (Child Service Coordination Project) that it will have on other local agencies (i.e., The Durham Center), it will affect how services are arranged and how the local interagency system responds to children with special needs.
- Sue Guptill also attended the regional supervisor's meeting for Early Intervention, Developmental Evaluation Centers, and Child Service Coordination in Burlington on September 22. The supervisors received additional clarification on the restructuring of the Infant-Toddler Program for children with special needs.

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**Home Health**

- The Home Health staff welcomes Sharon Alston-Morris, RN, who joined the staff on September 25<sup>th</sup>. She has over 10 years experience in medical-surgical nursing at Duke. She will work 3 days a week. The Visiting Nurse Service will be able to accept more referrals when Ms. Alston-Morris completes her orientation.

Sixteen referrals were received in September. This included In-home Aide, PCS and Home Health referrals. One referral was declined due to staffing shortages. Two clients were not admitted due to the program's inability to provide services at the requested time and for the absence of a physician to provide orders for services.

Martha Simpson, MSW, attended a three part workshop titled "Solution-Focused Therapy." The workshop taught effective ways to collaborate with patients to reach desired outcomes.

- The Home Care Association continues to work with HCFA in the Prospective Payment System. Software changes and updates come in almost daily as new information is discovered. The good news is that support from Congress to rescind the 15% cut in PPS continues to grow.

**Jail Health**

- A Licensed Practical Nurse, Corinne Alvino, was hired through a supplemental staffing agency to work with the Syphilis Elimination Project. Corinne has more than twenty years of nursing experience. Her job is to provide newly incarcerated inmates with health education about syphilis and to draw their blood for testing. She will also work in the community outreach component of the program.
- Four members of the Jail Health Staff attended the three-day seminar presented by the American Jail Association and co-hosted by the Durham County Sheriff Department. The seminar was entitled "The First Seventy-Two Hours." It focused on identifying the critical issues that occur in the first seventy-two hours of incarceration and appropriate methods of handling them.
- Deborah Boyd, RN, joined the Jail Health Program staff on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deborah comes to us with ten years of correctional health experience.
- The Medical Unit Staff are enjoying hosting two senior students from the NCCU Nursing Program.

**School Health**

- Peg Wolfe, RN, and Catherine Medlin, RN, (elementary team leader) met on three occasions with Janna Harton of Durham Health Partners and Angelique Witherspoon of Durham Public Schools to outline a process for mass vision screening and follow-up for this school year. Trained volunteers screen 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, school social workers then will provide follow up for students referred for care. School nurses will provide follow up on students identified last year as needing care but no documentation of care was received.
- Edwina Gabriel, RN, and Deanna Hamilton, RN, joined the School Health Program on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Edwina worked most recently for the Durham County Hospital Corporation in several areas including

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nursing education. She is assigned to work with the High School Team. Deanna worked most recently at UNC-CH in Student Health but has experience as a school nurse at the Davidson County Health Department. She is assigned to work with the Exceptional Children's Program and the Elementary School Team.

- Peg Wolfe attended two child-planning conferences, an inter-agency meeting that makes recommendations for visitation, placement, and services for children in the care of DSS.
- Peg Wolfe, Janice Anderson and Verna Conklin attended meetings of the Asthma Coalition to discuss how to promote asthma management in the community.
- Peg Wolfe and several school nurses attended the Community Leaders Brunch sponsored by the Durham Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition. Clementine Buford, a school nurse, is an officer in the Coalition.
- Janice Anderson, State President, and Clementine Buford, member of the National Board of Directors for School Nurses, went to Raleigh to present a request to the State Joint Education Legislative Oversight Committee for more funding for school nurse positions.
- All staff attended the annual state School Nurse Conference at the Friday Center on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Janice Anderson, Clementine Buford, Verna Conklin, and Catherine Medlin presented a poster session at the conference highlighting the breakfast for community leaders held last February.
- Peg Wolfe attended a meeting with Nancy Dominick, Assistant Superintendent for Exceptional Children, Angelique Witherspoon, and Lakeisha Walrond to discuss issues around providing nursing services for students in the multi-disabled and severe and profoundly disabled classrooms. The first round of clinics to provide Hepatitis B immunizations to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with parent permission began Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Durham Public Schools, the immunizations are also being offered to students in private and charter schools.

**Neighborhood Nurse Project**

- On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Kerry Smith, Ann Milligan and Joyce Snipes attended an "Assets Mapping" workshop sponsored by UNC School of Public Health, held at The William and Ida Friday Center. The workshop provided the opportunity to learn how to identify the strengths of the residents in the community. A tool is utilized to identify skills of the residents and identify ways to strengthen them to enhance and improve their quality of life. The registration fees were paid by scholarship funds granted after a letter was written to explain the Neighborhood Nurse Project and the value of this workshop for the staff.

**Few Gardens**

- Neighborhood Nurse Kerry Smith, RN, had 87 encounters in September.
- During the summer, a five-month-old infant was scalded in bath water. As a result of the incident, Durham Housing Authority is testing all

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water heaters in the units. Approximately ten percent of the temperatures have been measured and the majority has been found to be above 120 degrees. This is higher than the recommendation of the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center. Kerry is providing the education component. She gave a presentation on water heater safety to forty residents during a council meeting.

- Kerry assisted Abdul Lindsay, Health Department Nutritionist, in a nutrition class for ten participants at Golden Belt.

**Fayetteville Street**

- Ann Milligan, RN, had 5 initial contacts and 246 encounters. Maternal and Child Health related visits increased over the past month.
- Nine of the fourteen residents who participated in the Summer Women's Health Workshop sponsored by ASHA completed the classes. The purpose of the classes was to educate the women about their health and cervical cancer. There will be more health classes in the future. Ann was instrumental in encouraging residents to participate in the classes.
- Ann continues to recruit residents for the GED/HS Diploma and Nursing Assistant classes. She assisted two clients with registration for the upcoming Nursing Assistant classes at DTTC. She distributed pamphlets about GED classes offered by two programs within walking distance of the Fayetteville Street development. These programs also offer free supplies and daycare. DTCC sponsor these classes.
- Three newborn and three postpartum assessments were completed on residents this month.
- Durham Housing Authority asked Ann to participate on a panel to discuss health-related issues, community resources and her role in the Fayetteville Street development. Channel 8 (cable television) taped the show on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The broadcast date has not been set.

**Miscellaneous Activities**

- Tekola Fisseha, Becky Freeman and Gayle Harris attended the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Urban Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference on September 12-16 in Westminster, Colorado. The theme was "Many Trails, One Destination." Gayle Harris served as co-chair of the conference planning committee. Gayle was also a presenter in one of the workshops, "Where is Public Health in Child Care?"
- Gayle Harris attended the regular meetings of the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Committee, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Lincoln Community Health Center Board of Directors and Durham County Work First Advisory Committee.
- Gayle Harris attended the first of several meetings called by the Triangle United Way to examine ways to improve enrollment and utilization rates for the local NC Health Choice programs.
- Gayle Harris attended "A Forum on Senior Issues" on September 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. and Triangle United Way.
- Peg Wolfe and Gayle Harris attended the daylong work session for "Results Management Planning Process" sponsored by the Durham



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Youth Coordinating Board on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The facilitators focused the participants on three issues (school dropouts, juvenile delinquency, and child maltreatment) to develop long-term goals, short-term goals, and strategies to address the short-term goals. More community involvement is needed before the process is complete.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

- The General Inspections Section inspected 830 food, lodging and institutional facilities and conducted 339 compliance visits during the first quarter of FY 01. Of the 697 foodservice inspections, 26 Grade B's and 1 Grade C were posted.
- Nineteen plans for new construction of food and lodging establishments were submitted for review and approval during the first quarter.
- The certified food-handling course "ServSafe" for foodservice managers was offered and 57 individuals participated. There has been a 90% pass rate for the final exam that completes the certification process.
- Robert Brown, Licensed Soil Scientist with the Water & Waste Section, has been upgraded to Environmental Health Supervisor. Robert's expertise and knowledge will continue to serve the program well in his new capacity.

**NUTRITION DIVISION**

**Staffing**

- For the first time in about three years, the Nutrition Division was fully staffed in early September when Jennifer Ellsworth, MS, RD, LDN, joined the clinical team. She is providing medical nutrition therapy at the Health Department's Nutrition Clinic and two high school wellness centers and working with the Area Mental Health Program.
- By the end of September, a new 75% nutritionist position was advertised. Supported by state risk reduction funds, this position will implement the "Winner's Circle" program (formerly Bistro) to help area restaurants identify and advertise heart healthy menu options.

**Folic Acid**

- A folic acid display was presented at the second annual Latino health fair, Nuestra Feria de la Salud, held at the National Guard Armory. Approximately 50 participants visited the booth that included a new patient education booklet on folic acid in Spanish from the NC Folic Acid Council and the March of Dimes.

Posters encouraging women to take a supplement with folic acid daily is currently in the DATA buses. Folic acid posters have also been placed in waiting areas in Lincoln Health Center, the Health Department, at Duke and in the neighborhood nurse offices. Wider distribution is being planned. Nursing, Health Education and Nutrition Divisions are working together on this project.

**HIV**

- Conducted a session on **Nutrition and HIV** for participants attending an HIV Peer Education Program. The presentation was one of a series

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of classes for persons living with HIV disease and was sponsored by the Lincoln Community Health Center Early Intervention Clinic.

**Breastfeeding**

- Designed a new bus ad for the fall Breastfeeding Campaign. Developed a work-site survey to assess the prevalence of mother-friendly practices among Durham County employers. Approximately 30 surveys have been completed. Five sites have been identified as candidates for a potential media project. Work will continue on the media piece of the promotion during October.

**Child Care**

- Developed an assessment tool to identify current nutrition issues of target daycare provider sites. Completed the first 5 assessments during September. At the request of four childcare centers, the childcare nutritionist reviewed their cycle menus and provided suggestions for revisions.

**DINE for LIFE Program - Schools**

- Completed physical activity and nutrition screenings in 35 classrooms (629 children screened). Approximately 30% of the children were observed during their lunch period to validate the results of the subjective screening process. This screening provides a baseline of information for this year's education plan. The same children will be screened at the end of the school year as part of the education plan evaluation process.
- Provided nutrition information to over 400 adults who attended PTA meetings at Fayetteville Street Elementary and Bethesda Elementary School. Participants viewed a display board/booth promoting 5-A-Day and asked questions about health and nutrition.
- Completed the development of a series curriculum to be used in the target classrooms as part of the DINE for LIFE program. Classroom teaching will begin the first week of October.
- Attended faculty meetings at Eastway, Lakewood, W.G. Pearson, and George Watts Elementary Schools.
- Contributed a news article to the Burton Elementary newsletter that was published during September. All parents receive a copy of the newsletter that addressed the importance of eating 5 fruits and vegetables each day.
- Joined the health committee at Burton Elementary School. The committee plans to initiate the use of the CDC's School Health Index, a program addressing environmental and policy changes in the school system.

**DINE for LIFE-Community**

- Began surveying the DINE community target audience as part of social marketing research efforts. Individuals at Lincoln Community Health Center completed approximately 40 surveys. Food Stamp participants and Work First participants will complete additional surveys.
- Taught nutrition classes for Durham Center Substance Abuse recovery program participants, Work First participants, and Durham Exchange Club employees/participants.

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- Attended two planning committee meetings for the Liberty Street Housing Development health fair.

**Clinical Nutrition Services**

- Received 42 referrals for medical nutrition therapy during the month of September.
- Met with the Administrator of Duke Children's Primary Care Program regarding procedures for referring children with nutrition problems. Families will be charged for services on a sliding scale unless covered by another payer source such as Medicaid.
- Negotiated the contract addenda with state nutrition consultants to provide nutrition services funding to the Health Department for children fitting North Carolina's definition of "special needs".

**Other Activities/Involvement**

- Participated in a work-site health fair at Cormetech, Inc. with the Health Education Division focusing on cardiovascular health.
- Reviewed plans for the upcoming County Commissioners' Great Family Fun Walk at a Durham Fitness Council meeting.
- Two UNC-CH nutrition graduate students began their two-semester field placement work with the Nutrition Division. They will be working closely with nutritionists on the Community Nutrition Team.
- Attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Nutrition Network. The Health Department nutrition education contract for fiscal year 2001 was reviewed with representatives from the USDA Southeast Regional Office and the State Department of Social Services.
- Attended "A Forum on Senior Issues" sponsored by Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. and the Triangle United Way.
- Attended the national City MatCH conference sponsored by CDC, HSRA, US Bureau of Maternal and Child Health and March of Dimes.

**Continuing Education**

- Three community team nutritionists are enrolled in Spanish classes at Durham Technical Community College.
- Stephanie Howard completed the first half of a management-training course sponsored by Durham City and County Governments.

**Meetings Attended by Various Nutritionists**

- Durham Community Health Network staff meeting
- Durham Coordination of Referrals & Eligibility Committee (CORE)
- Durham Council for Infants and Young Children
- Breastfeeding Support Network
- North Carolina Folic Acid Council
- State Pediatric Nutrition Meeting
- Avriendo Puertas

**DENTAL DIVISION**

- The Dental Division continues to open more than 10 new charts daily.

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- 201 patients were treated during the month of September with a broken appointment rate of 19%.
- 4,743 children in kindergarten and fifth grade received dental screenings in 21 of Durham's public elementary schools. The screenings will continue through the end of October.
- The Dental Division has partnered with Duke University Health System in designing the mobile dental van. The mobile dental unit will provide services to children who are covered by Medicaid and Health Choice and attend DPS schools. The Duke Foundation is providing \$450,000 over a three-year-period to acquire, equip, and operate the vehicle. The services will be provided on-site at various DPS school campuses.

**GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC**

**BCCCP/Adult Health Screening Program**

- 14 Women screened in the Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP).
- 82 persons were screened for Domestic Violence.
- 225 persons were screened for Hypertension.
- 3 persons were screened for Diabetes.

**Communicable Disease Screening**

- 492 persons were screened in STD clinic.
- 388 persons were screened for HIV (220 tested in Health Department; 151 tested at LCHC; 17 tested in Durham County Detention Center).
- 2 positive HIV tests were reported from Durham County Health Department.

**Reportable Communicable Diseases**

- Campylobacter: 3
- Ehrlichiosis: 1
- Hepatitis B, acute: 2
- Rabies (animal bite) investigations: 4
- Salmonella: 1
- Streptococcus, Group A: 1
- Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus: 1

**Immunization Program**

- Immunizations given: 385
- Outreach Clinics: 2

**Pharmacy**

- Prescriptions filled: 2,465  
Average of 126/day

**Laboratory**

- 5062 laboratory tests were done

**HEALTH EDUCATION DIVISION**

**Project StraightTalk**

- Project StraightTalk staff welcomed Caressa McLaughlin, our new health educator, to the team on September 18.

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- Carlotta Lee conducted a STD training on September 13 for Planned Parenthood's peer education program, Teen Voices. She developed and distributed a pilot survey at NCCU for the young adult (18-25) STD/HIV peer education program. Carlotta also staffed a communicable disease information booth at the Community Baptist Church health fair.
- Constance Copeland organized a gathering for old and new Kaleidoscope members at Village Bowling Lanes. She went to Carter Community School to conduct an HIV session for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. She also planned and conducted a Kaleidoscope information session for parents and teens interested in the peer education program.
- Carlotta, Constance, and Phyllis attended the African American HIV Community Mobilization training given by the Mississippi Urban Research Center at Jackson State University.
- Throughout September, Constance and Tim have been coordinating planning with Project StraightTalk's community partners for the Ninth Annual Community AIDS March and Rally. Tim staffed an information table at Union Baptist Church's health fair. He also staffed a table at the Latino Health Fair on September 24.
- Kat conducted training on HIV and universal precautions for the Alliance of AIDS Services – Carolina volunteer training. On September 15, she presented an overview of Project StraightTalk's programs for NCCU health education students. Kat also presented HIV myths and facts to Dudley's Beauty College students.
- Project StraightTalk staff hosted the monthly Community Advisory Council meeting on August 26. Trish Bartlett of the Duke University Infectious Diseases clinic presented highlights from the International AIDS Conference in South Africa.

**Project STAND (Syphilis Elimination Project)**

- Phyllis Cochran conducted educational sessions at Butner ADATC, jail pods, and the jail STARR program. Phyllis also facilitated an inter-divisional meeting with Health Education and other departments, including the lab, nursing, jail health, health director, medical director, STD clinic, state and DIS. She attended the quarterly SEP Health Director's meeting with all the project counties.
- Phyllis and her teammates conducted weekly outreach in high morbidity neighborhoods. She organized off-site HIV and Syphilis screening at the Latino Health Fair on September 24. She screened eight people, with one positive test result. With the approval of Sheriff Hill, Phyllis arranged prevention method distribution for inmates upon their release from the jail. The distribution begins September 26. Project STAND hired a LPN to offer syphilis screening to all jail inmates beginning September 18.

**Health Promotion and Wellness**

- Work-site smoking cessation sessions were conducted at the Department of Social Services and at Phoenix House.
- Willa Robinson and Kristen Goff (Wake County Human Services) made a presentation to the Management Committee of the N.C. Mutual Insurance Company. The purpose of the presentation was to offer N.C.

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Mutual the opportunity to become a site for an environmental change and physical activity program. The program, which was initiated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, encourages management and employees who work in high rise buildings to use stairs rather than elevators. This activity is expected to increase employee's cardiovascular health promotion efforts. N.C. Mutual has agreed to participate in the program.

- Joanie Hoggard made a Domestic Violence Prevention presentation at the Criminal Justice Resource Center, the Fitness World and the Hispanic Health Fair. Joanie also trained members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. to disseminate domestic violence prevention information to male students at NCCU.
- The Gun Safety Team met with Mr. Jim Polk of Durham Public Schools to plan strategies for the presentation of the “ Love Your Kids, Lock Your Guns” program to the Durham PTAs.
- The Health Promotion and Wellness team continues to provide diabetes education and cardiovascular risk reduction sessions. The sessions are provided at different sites in the Durham community.

#### **Family Connections**

- The Teen Outreach Program (TOP) is currently provided at Hillside High, Neal, Lowe's Grove, Chewning, CIS Academy and Githens schools. All sessions are provided in the social studies classes in the Middle Schools and in the PE and health classes in the High School. This arrangement assures continuous exposure of students to the Teen Outreach Program through out the school year.
- The Family Connections Team assisted School Health Nurses with kindergarten health assessments. The Team also assisted with a display highlighting the community leaders breakfast meeting that was organized by the school health nurses. The display is to be shown at the upcoming state conference.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Vital Records**

- Vital record reported 3,684 birth certificates and 5,660 death certificates which puts us on target of our projected total for the year (birth 12,000–31%, death 22,000-26%).
- Recruitment is underway for two Processing Assistant III positions

##### **Central Intake**

- An RFQ (Request For Qualification) for architectural services for renovation of Central Intake area was submitted on 9/29/00. We are waiting for response from area architects.
- Jacqueline Joseph transferred from Central Intake to the Accounting Tech II position. Ms. Joseph's prior position, Lead Worker III, will be reclassified as a Patient Relation Representative IV that will perform billing and research.

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- Michelle Williams' position as a Lead Worker III will be reclassified as a Medical Records Assistant IV.
- Glenda Reed is working with Carol Ramirez to transfer all appointments in Dental Clinic from the appointment book onto the AS400 appointment system. The goal is to have all appointments for the Health Department entered into the system.

**Billing**

- The Department has experienced computer problems with the Medicaid billing for the past two months. The problem has been resolved and the billing should be on track for October, which is due in November.

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- Participated in an Association of City and County Health Officers national telephone conference call pertaining to local and state preparations for bioterrorism events.
- Moderated a panel discussion relating to youth access to STD and Family Planning services without parental consent. The panel discussion took place at the annual Community Leader's Breakfast of the Durham Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition held at the Hayti Heritage Center.
- Attended a community lunch and presentation by Jonathan Kozol, a nationally renowned author and expert on child issues.
- Chaired the September meeting of Durham's Partnership for Children Board of Directors.
- Participated in a meeting of community leaders to discuss potential solutions to Durham Head Start's facility problems.
- Participated in the Durham Public School Foundation Planning meeting, "Future Search: Building community to close the achievement gap."
- Attended the United Way sponsored "Forum on Seniors Issues" held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel.
- Attended the Durham County kickoff fund raising breakfast for the Triangle United Way.
- Attended an introductory meeting for Mike Ruffin, the new Durham County Manager.
- Participated in the monthly "Coordination of Health Efforts in Durham" meeting.
- Chaired the Durham's Partnership for Children Executive Committee Meeting.
- Attended the "Farewell to Budget Director Claudia Odom" reception.
- Attended the North Carolina Institute for Public Health Guest Lecturer series featuring John R. Lumpkin, MD, MPH, Director of the Illinois

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Department of Public Health, for a discussion of certifying and credentialing health departments and public health professionals.

- Attended the October meeting of the Durham Youth Coordinating Board.
- Attended the October meeting of the Healthy Carolinians sub-committee of Durham Health Partners.
- Participated in the Annual AIDS March and Rally at the Hayti Heritage Center.

Ms. Reckhow had very positive comments regarding the Durham County Commissioner's Fun Walk. She commended the Health Director for being very active in the community and for so effectively moderating an Adolescent Teen Pregnancy program at the Hayti Heritage Center.

Ms. Reckhow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Small seconded the motion and it was approved with no opposition.

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William H. Burch, R.Ph.  
Chairman

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Brian E. Letourneau, M.S.P.H.  
Health Director